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take periodicals from the office, or removing and leaving them uncalled for, is prima facia evidence of intentiona fraud.

# The Poet's Column.

## THE LITTLE DOG OF BRETTE.

There lived in Brette city
A man both poor and blind,
Who for himself no longer
His bit of bread could find.

Then was his faithful poodle A friend in need, and bore Between his teeth and basket, And begged from door to doo

A billet in the basket
Said, "Give the blind man food!"
And each one gave the poodle
Right gladly what he could— Which then the faithful creature

To his poor master bore; And never touched a morsel, Though oft-times hungering sore

But once he came on Friday, To where a butcher dwelt The simple beast had never Man's cunning known or felt

The butcher was a bigot; A Papist strict was he; "Flesh wouldst thou have on Fast Day?

But stop: I'll give it thee." Then chopped his little tail off, All at a single blow; And threw it in the basket, And said, "There's meat, now go!"

Disgraced and maimed, but faithful,

The basket home he bore; And laid him on the threshhold, And mouned and breathed no mo

Then heavy grief and sorrow On all the city fell; For all the men and children Had loved the dog so well.

Above the city gate now,
For a memorial shown,
Without a tail, a poodle,
Stands there hewed out in stone.

And when a faithful action Meets base return, they say, "He's treated as the poodle Of Brette was one day."

### [German Lyrica. THE DISAPPOINTED.

I thought her mine ; I thought the world Shone forth with joy for me; I did not dream in after years Its folly I should see.

But so it proved; I sought her hand— I really thought Pd got her; But oh! alas! her answer came— "HER MOTHER WOULD'NT LET HER!"

Wit is a feather—Pope has said,
And females never doubt it;
So those who've least within the head,
Display the most without it.

Lord Erskine was a printer! Franklin as a printer! Beranger, the great French poet, as a printer! Thiers, the great French histoan, was a printer!

Were stricken from the dome of night, A Printer's Press, if planted there, Would fill the vacuum to a hair, And give, perhapa, a better light!

# A BRIEF EXAMINATION OF

SCRIPTURE TESTOMONY

In an Essay first published in the Religious Herald, and re-published by request: with remarks on a letter of Elder Galusha, of New York, to Dr. Fuller of phets.

South Carolina:

I have been tedious on this first proposition, but I hope the importance of the sub ..... 4 00 ject to Christians as well as to statesmen will be my apology. I have written it, not for victory over an adversary, or to support error or falsehood, but to gather up God's will in reference to holding me and women in bondage, in the patriarchal age. And it is clear, in the first place, that God decreed this state before it exis-

> 2nd. It is clear that the highest mani born of them in his house.

3rd. It is certain that he gave these ser-

these slaves, Isaac received similar tokens of God's favor.

5th. It is certain that Jacob, who inher ited from Isaac his tather, received like tokens of divine favor.

tion of language, that Job, who is held up

6th. It is certain, when God showed honor, and came down to bless Jacob's posterity, in taking them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt they were the owners of slaves that were bought with money, and treated as property; which slaves were allowed of God to unite in celebrating the divine goodness to their masters, while hired servants were exclu-

nication made from God to men.

and fourth, to make known those princi- ye buy, and of their families that are with

All the law is nothing but a preceptive possession, they shall be your bond-men consequently, the existence of a precept in the law, utterly irreconcilable with the principles, would destroy all claims upon us for an acknowledgment of its divine finger upon these two principles of human conduct, (Deut. vi. 5-Levit, xix. 18,) revealed in the law of Moses, and decided, that on them hang all the law and the pro-

The Apostle Paul decides in reference to the relative duties of men, that whether written out in perceptive form in the law or not, they are all comprehended in this saying, viz: "thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." With these views to guide us, as to the acknowledged design of the law, viz: that of revealing the eternal principles of moral rectitude, by which human conduct is to be measured, so that sin may abound, or be made apparent, and right. eousness be ascertained or known, we may safely conclude, that the institution of slavery, which legalizes the holding one person in bondage as property forever by another. if it be morally wrong, or at war with the principle which requires us to love God supremely, and our neighbor as ourself. will, if noticed at all in the law, be noticed, for the purpose of being condemned as sinful. And if the modern views of abolitionists be correct, we may expect to find the institution marked with such tokens of divine displeasure, as will throw all machinery. other sins into the shade, as comparatively small, when laid by the side of this monster. What, then, is true? has God ingrafted hereditary slavery upon the constitution of government he condescended to give his chosen people-that people, among whom he promised to dwell, and that he required to be holy? I answer, he has .-It is clear and explicit. He enacts, first that his chosen people may take their money, go into the slave markets of the surrounding nations, (the seven devoted nations excepted,) and purchase men-servants and women servants, and give them and their increase, to their children and their children's children, forever; and worse still for the 'refined humanity of our age -he guaranties to the foreign slaveholder perfect protection, while he comes in among the Israelites, for the purpose of dwelling, and raising and selling slaves, who should a severity which knows no bounds but the selves and their families for limited periods. with the privilege of extending the time at 10th. It is certain, when God put a pe- the end of the 6th year to the 50th year or riod to that dispensation, he recognised jubilee, if they prefer bondage to freedom. slaves as property on Mount Sinai. If, Such is the precise character of two institherefore, it has become sinful since, tutions, found in the constitution of the it cannot be from the nature of the thing. Jewish commonwealth, emanating directly ceed to our second proposition, which 1s- God raised up a succession of prophets to Second. That it was incorporated in the reprove that people for the various sins inthe Almighty. By common consent, that proof uttered against the institution of intil the law was given to Abraham's pos- that ever grew out of it. A severe judgterity, at Mount Sinai, is called the patri- ment is pronounced by Jeremiah, (chapter archal age; this is the period we have re- xxxiv. see from the 8th to the 22d verse,) Christ, is called the Mosaic or legal dis- brews; but the prophet pens it with caution, pel dispensation. The legal dispensa- tem of involuntary slavery, which existed tion is the period of time we propose by law among that people; the sin consisted institution of involuntary and hereditary women of Hebrews which was positively slavery; in order to ascertain, whether, dur- forbidden by the law, and not for buying

ples of action by the exercise of which you, which they begat in your land. And man attains his highest moral elevation, they shall be your possession. And ye children after you, to inherit them for a in England.

exemplification of these two principles; forever." I ask any candid man, if the izes that people, to whom he had become king and law-giver, to purchase men and women as property; to hold them and their posterity in bondage; and to will them to

their children at a possession forever; and more, it allows tle and live among them; to breed slaves and sell them. Now, it is important to a correct understanding of this subject, to connect with the right to buy and possess, as property, the amount of authority to govern, which is granted by the law-giver; this amount of authority is implied, in the first place, in the law which prohibits the exercise of rigid authority upon the Hebrews, who are allowed to sell themselves for limited times. "If thy brother be waxen poor, and be sold unto thee, thou shalt not compel him to serve as a bond servant, but as a hired servant, and as a sojourner he shall be with thee, and shall serve thee until the year of jubilee-they shall not be sold as bond-men; thou shall not rule over them with rigor." Levit. xxv. 39, 40, 41, 42, 43. It will be evident to all, that here are two states of servitude; in reference to one of which, rigid or compulsory authority, is prohibited, and that its exercise is authorized in the other.

They shear sheep in Michigan by

The Princess Bonaparte, of Rome, ave been invited to Paris by the Empe-

Jenny Lind has left Holland for

The Free-will Baptists have 50,000 ommunicants in the United States.

If a good act benefits no one else, benefits the doer.

The Russians have sunk four more thips in the harbor of Sebastopol. An American physician maintains

hat sores of any kind will act as a preventive to the cholera.

The victor in an argument can afford to dispense with "the last word."

The people of the Union spend in year for newspapers \$15,000,000. would if all paid their debts.

A German Masonic Lodge has Bloch is Master.

In England, the smallest paper noney circulation they have is the five pounds note, equivalent to twenty-four dol-

Mr. Soule is engaged upon a book, which is to be an exposition of matters connected with his mission to Spain.

Some slandering old bachelor says is much joy when you first get married, but it is more jawy after a year or so.

The Telegraph announces that the Spanish Government had demanded the recall from Madrid of Lord Howden, the British ambassador, in consequence of his interference in religious matters.

Resolutions have passed the lower house of Pennsylvania Legislature to remove the seat of government to Philadel-

More than two thousand patents vill bear the date of 1855, as already five hundred have been issued during the first

A correspondent of the Pittsburg Post, nominates Mayor Wood, of N. Y., as the Democratic candidate for the

Mr. Fillmore told Mayor Wood that he had come to pay his respects to the

The Russians propose to erect a grand monument at St. Petersburg, in onor of the late Emperor.

. Col. Benton in a communication published in the National Intelligencer, pronounces the Indian troubles on Western frontiers a sham.

Ba In Whatever shape evil comes, we are apt to exclaim with Hamlet-"Take any shape but that."

Seven hundred thousand dollars are deposited in the Boston banks to the credit of one man, who refuses to loan it because it will bring no more than six per cent.

For Iron shillings, silver plated by the

### Pulling the wrong Bell.

as many of my readers may be ignorant of, an who had embarked at Memphis the plicit? It is from God himself; it author- and it is worthy of telling, also being my- previous night, very actively jerking at a self in a gossipping mood, I will even out cord that ran through the room in the furth-

A fine western steamer, of the largest class, was ploughing her way down stream demandedwith a "full head" on.

The time was early morning: the san had not yet cooled his fiery beams in the murky waters of the Mississippi; few of boot's?" the passengers were astir; and the boat. quiet and still, save the regular scream from her iron throat, was making fine head-

Suddenly the engineer's bell rang out a furious alarming summons, which, being translated into the vernacular, meant-"Slow her!

The man at the steam obeyed the mandate; and, with his head upon the lever, awaited anxiously the next call. Itsoon came, and louder yet-

"Stop her!"

"Some trouble ahead," thought the engineer; but hardly had the idea passed through his mind, when the busy bell again pealed

Steam was let on in an instant, and, seizing the lever, the man commenced working down to the skin and bones by the dysenthe engine by hand; but the wheel had not tery, which noxious disease gentlemen of the vet completed the first retrograde revolution, when a louder tinnabulation tinkled out successively-

"Go ahead!" "Slow her!"

"Back her!" "Go ahead!"

Having obeyed the command, and, supted his post for a moment, and stepped out upon the guards to see what the trouble had been, when suddenly the over-busy bell again was heard-

"Slow her!" Before he could put his hands upon the screw, the bell again ordered-

"Stop her!"

Immediately after-"Back her!" and "Go ahead!"

Instead of going ahead, the engineer scratched his own, and then applying his of fifteen minutes returned, with a verdict par, but above grand-par and the whole mouth to the speaking-tube, addressed the of "Suicide in the ninth degree and fourth family. pilot thus-but stop, let us turn for a mo- verse."

on in his dominions. This gentleman had been but a few mo self upon the engineer; so, applying his thirsty." mouth to the end of the tube, the following remarks went up and down simultane-

there?" "What in thunder are you about down

there?" Having, like two vessels about commeninto action as follows:

"back her?"

the bell for twenty times? P .- You must be a nice fellow to trust, Mr. Kettles, to get drunk before sunrise.

Call your mate and turn in. E .- Drunk? Drunk yourself. I haven't had a drop; and you're just lying drunk-

that's what it is. P.-Look here, old Kettles, hold on a

of brick.

E .- Don't trouble youself to come down. we'll see who's drunk, and who is not.

Now this backing and filling had excited the attention of officers and crew, and leather, is one of those eccentricities connecas the pilot and engineer, having obtained relief, met half way down on the boilerdeck, and captain and clerk, mate and steward, bar-keeper and chambermaid, all hastened to the post of observation, and ere the two combatants could join issue, they were seized and held, and an investigation of the affair were entered into.

While all this was in progress, neither boat nor bell had been touched, but the same singular succession of orders was going on, and the two assistants, above and below, were meditating a little affair of their own, when that of their principals had been satisfactorily concluded.

The mystery was apparently past solupossible cause, and stepping to a state-room, the back way."

in the "social hall," kicked the door open, I have heard a story of pulling, which, and there stood a lanky young Tennesse

> er corner. Seizing him by the collar, the captain

"What the d-l are you about?"

"About," answered the Teunesseear why don't you see I'm ringing for my

Pulling the wrong cord, that was all.

The following is the maiden speech of a young California lawyer. It was on the celebrated "Bob Waterman's Case," captain of the ship Challenge. It's rich,

"See this Herculean mate like a hor rid demon, take this defenceless boy and hurl him rudely into the ice board scuppers, where, with his monster boots he tramples on the prostrate frame; then, taking him to the rattlins and rigging of that horrid ship, he ties him by his poor emaciated arm in the howling blast-his dripping and tattered garments hanging loosely on his attenuated frame, while the ragged icicles rattle in the winter's blast .-The ship is hauled close up to the wind, which is blowing on the starboard quarter, and then this poor emaciated frame drawn jury, will suddenly bring down the strongest man. This poor frame, I say, is left to hang the next point is to keep no company at all. till nature could hardly hold together long, and then he is taken down to his lonely apartment, or bunk, a living picture of horrid despair."

"O, gentlemen of the jury, could his ghost now rise up before you, his attenposing all was right at last, the man quit- uated frame could speak to you more eloquently than I have done!"

> Des Judge Jonah Joles a western judicial dignitary, recently delivered the following charge to the jury, in case of one Elium Crunch on trial for stealing:-

"Jury, you kin go out, and don't show your ugly mugs here till you find a verdict. If you can't find one of your own, git the

one the last jury used." The jury retired, and after an absence

Then Judge Jonah Joles pronounced

upon Crunch the following sentences: "Elium Crunch, stan' up and face the ments at his post, and was not fairly awake music. You are found guilty of suicide for when the bell commenced its mysterious stealing. Now, this court sentence you operations, but sleepy as he was, the queer to pay a fine of two shillings, to shave antics of the boat, and the strange lan- your head with a bagganet in the barracks, guage of the steam-pipe, excited his atten- and if you try to cave in the heads of any tion, and he had arrived at the conclusion of the jury, you'll catch thunder, that's that something was wrong, at the same all. Your fate will be a warning to others. moment that identical idea had forced it- Sheriff give me a pint o'red-eye! I'm awful

During an address delivered by a young orator, in a debating society, the speaker attempting to describe the beauties "What in thunder are you about up of nature, and touching on the scenes of a thunder storm he had witnessed once upon a time, his fountain of eloquence could no longer withhold itself, and he burst forth in the following strain :- "Why, I tell cing an engagement, fired these shot across you, Mr. President, the roaring of the their bows, the twain went immediately thunder was heard far and wide, and reminded those who heard it of the clatter-Pilot .- Who told you to "stop her" and ing of so many wild horses crossing a bridge over a creek where the little fishes Engineer .- You did; what did you ring were seen skipping about from puddle to puddle-the lightning flashed and flashed every now and then looked as though it was lightened up with tallow candles, and then all snuffed out !"

bocker must be a queer fellow. He says him." in his paper:-How any one can look at bit, and I'll be down on you like a thousand the human foot composed of 144 bones -any quantity of elastic cartillage-a gill and a half of lubricating oil, and ten thous-I'll be up to you in two shakes, and then and other arrangements for first class kicking, and still believe it's a duty to receive an insult, without making a man smell of ted with the human mind, which we could never fathom.

We overheard a poor weather-bound individual the other day, who was caught in the rain, humming to himself in a door-

Twas ever thus from childhood's hour, That chilling fate has on me fell; There always comes a soaking shower. When I aint got no umberell!

upper story of a small grocery, addressing another girl who was trying to enter at the duration, for the gander seized the cock front door, "we've all been to camp meet- by the neck and straightway flew into the ing and been converted; so when you want canal, where he thrust his antagonist under viz: supreme love to God, and love to oth- shall take them as an inheritance for your electric plating process, are in circulation tion, but the captain bethought him of a milk on Sundays, you'll have to come in water, and there held him until he was

## PROVBERBS

Let thy vices die before thee.

The memory oug'it to be a store-house,

Keep your eyes wide open before mar-

riage, half shut afterwards, Everything morally wrong is intellectu-ally absurd, and physically weak.

A burden which was thoughtlessly got must be patiently borne.

He is rich who saves a penny a year; and he is poor who runs behind a penny a The universal law of divine economy.

is that evil shall react itself for its own cor-Knowledge lies deep in a well, but

here is a way to draw it up, and diligent scholars find it out. Some critics are like the valuant flies

nentioned by Shakspeare; who dare to eat their breaktast on the lin of a lion. As the sweetest rose grows upon the

brings forth the sweetest repose, The intoxication of anger, like that of he grape, shows us to others, but hides

As defect of strength in us makes some weights to be unmovable, so likewise de-fect of understanding makes some truths to be mysterious .- Bishop Sherlock, It is a fair step towards happiness todeight in the conversation of the wise and

good man; where that cannot be had,

Affectation and ridiculousness are so nearly synonymous, that had I been the founder of our language, I should have cast

hem both in the same mould. Swift who reasoned upon the folly of the dread of death, sums up thus:-"It is impossible that anything so natural, so necessary, and so universal as death, should ever have been designed by Providence as an evil to mankind.

Somebody asks, "Is it lawful to

hang clothes on Mason & Dixon's line." What pics do we refuse to eat, except when made into sausages? Pup-pies.

Above Par-State stocks and spoiled boys. The latter are not only above

Things are so linked together, that Dr .. wood, would ruin half the port wine dealers in the country.

Mike, and is it yerself that can be afther telling me how they make ice crame?" "In truth, I can-don't they bake them in cowled ovens, to be sure."

The following inscription was copied from a tombstone in New Orleans: "Sam Wright an Irishman, a gentleman, and honest man-shot by Sam Oke."

A gentleman having presented his

church with the "Ten Commandments," it was wittily said that he gave them away because he could not keep them. The "Potter's Field" of Naples is large pit, into which the naked bodies of

the friendless poor are indiscriminately

A Frenchman thinks the English anguage very tough. "Dare is look out,"he says, "which is to put your head out and see; and look out, which is to haul in your

head not for to see-just contrairie." Counsellor, afterwards Chief Juntice Bushe, being asked which of Mr. Power's company of actors he most admired, maliciously replied. "The prompter, Bed Hastings of the Albany Knicker- for I heard the most and saw the least of

> The Charlestown Advertiser says, a lady called at Bartlett's apothecary store a few days ago and inquired if he had any tissue paper. The doctor's clerk replied in the negative: "Then," said the woman, "Ill take three cents worth of

The late Judge Thompson, while presiding in the United States Circuit Court, on the trial of a criminal case, was requested by one of the counsels to charge the jury, that they were judges both of the law and the fact. The judge replied, 'I shan't ; they ant."

SAGACITY OF A GANDER .-- One day last week, a gander was "on duty," near the Canal Basin, at Albany, in keeping guard over a flock of goslings, which led to a rencontre between his gandership and a rooster. The contest, however, was of short dead. A rare bird!

# Miscellaneous.

ON THE INSTITUTION OF LATERY

## BY THORNTON STRINGFELLOW.

Continued.

ted. festations of good-will which he ever gave to mortal man, was given to Abraham, in that covenant in which he required him to circumcise all his male servants, which he had bought with his money, and that were

vants as property to Isaac. 4th. It is certain that, as the owner o

6th. It is certain, from a fair construcby God himself as a model of human perfection, was a great slaveholder.

Sth. It is certain that God interposed

years, it is never censured in any commu-

to the end of time, is called the Gos- abuse that had taken place under the sysing this period, it existed at all, and if it and holding one of another nation in herdid exist, whether with the divine sanction, editary bondage, which was as positively greatest man of the age. or in violation of the divine will. This allowed by the law. And really, in view dispensation is called the legal dispensa- of what is passing in our country, and elseof government, a country to dwell in, and book.

ers as to ourselves.

original. Jesus Christ himself has put his

to give Joseph the power in Egypt, which its and institutions of the country. And he used to create a state, or condition, worse still for the sublimated humanity of among the Egyptians, which substantially the present age, God passes with the right been organized in Boston, of which A. F. agrees with patriarchal and modern slave- to buy and possess, the right to govern, by 9th. It is certain, that in reference to master's discretion. And if worse can be, this institution in Abraham's family, and for the morbid humanity we censure, he the surrounding nations, for five hundred enacts that his own people may sell them-

but from the sovereign pleasure of God in from Almighty God. For the 1,500 years, its prohibition. We will therefore pro- during which these laws were in force, only national constitution emanating from to which they fell; yet there is not a reportion of time stretching from Noah, un- voluntary slavery, for any species of abuse viewed, in relation to this subject. From for an abuse or violation of the law, conthe giving of the law until the coming of cerning the voluntary servitude of Hepensation is. From the coming of Christ as if to show that it had no reference to any now to examine, in reference to the in making hereditary bond-men and bond-

tion, because it was the pleasure of God to where, among men who profess to revertake Abraham's posterity by miraculous ence the Bible, it would seem that these power, then numbering near three million must be dreams of a distempered brain, souls, and give them a written constitution and not the solemn truths of that sacred a covenant of special protection and favor, Well, I will now proceed to make them for their obedience to this law until the good to the letter, see Lev. xxv. 44, 45, 46: coming of Christ. The laws which he "Thy bond-men and thy bond-maids which gave them emanated from his sovereign thou shalt have, shall be of the heapleasure, and were designed, in the first then that are round about you; of them place, to make himself known in his es- shall ye buy bond-men and bond-maids.sential perfections; second, in his moral Moreover, of the children of the strangers character; third, in his relation to man; that do sojourn among you, of them shall

words of this institution could be more ex-